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E.O. 11652: NA
SUBJ: VOA COVERAGE OF EMBARGO

REF: (A) STATE 95808, (B) ANKARA 2905

1. IN LINE WITH DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT THAT VOA ATTEMPT NOT ONLY COVER NEWS BUT ALSO PROVIDE BACKGROUND TO PUT NEWS INTO PROPER CONTEXT, USICA ISTANBUL RECOMMENDS VOA TURKISH SERVICE GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES AND POTENTIAL TIMING INVOLVED WITH ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS TO LIFT "EMBARGO" ON USG MILITARY EQUIPMENT SALES TO TURKEY. WE ENDORSE RECOMMENDATION AND SUGGEST GREEK SERVICE MIGHT ALSO FIND SUCH COVERAGE OF VALUE. SERIES OF SPECIAL REPORTS SEEMS WARRANTED.

2. POINTS TO BE STRESSED TO TURKS, WHO ARE USED TO PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT, INCLUDE (A) INABILITY
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OF ADMINISTRATION TO DICTATE CONGRESSIONAL TIMING QUESTIONS; (B) NUMBER OF COMMITTEES IN BOTH HOUSES (APPROPRIATIONS, FOREIGN AFFAIRS/INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, POSSIBLY ARMED SERVICES) INVOLVED; (C) FACT THAT BOTH APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURES APPLY; (D) FREEDOM OF PLENARY SESSIONS OF BOTH HOUSES TO ACCEPT/ REJECT/MODIFY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS; (E) PROCEDURES

FOR POTENTIAL HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE. ALSO SUGGEST
EMPHASIS FOR TURKISH AUDIENCES ON FACT THAT TERM "EMBARGO"
HAS BEEN INACCURATE SINCE FY-1976, WHEN USG RESUMED
FMS SALES TO GOT UNDER "CEILING."

3. SINCE DRAFTING ABOVE, QUESTION OF TIMING OF LEGISLATIVE
ACTIONS HAS BECOME MORE SENSITIVE, WITH POSTPONEMENT OF
CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS (REF A). LOCAL REACTION HAS BEEN
NEGATIVE (REF B). IN THIS CONNECTION IT WOULD BE HELPFUL
TO STRESS PROCEDURES OF CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET REFORM ACT,
UNDER WHICH (A) COMMITTEES IN BOTH HOUSES MUST REPORT
PROPOSED MONEY BILLS TO FLOOR BY MARY 15; AND (B) BILLS
MUST BE PASSED BY JUNE 30.
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